



MILPITAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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PRESS RELEASE

TELEPHONE FRAUD SCAM ALERT

DATE: August 29, 2015, Saturday, 10:58 A.M.
CASE #: 15-241-063
LOCATION: City of Milpitas
SUSPECT #1: Unidentified Male

On August 29, 2015, the Milpitas Police Department received several reports regarding a fraudulent scam taking place over the telephone. An unknown male suspect called multiple residents throughout the city stating he was an officer either with the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office or the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office. The suspect told the residents they had outstanding warrants for their arrest and they needed to put money on a money card and send it to him in order to take care of the warrant. The subject threatened to come to the homes of the individuals and arrest them if they did not comply. Fortunately, none of the residents provided the suspect with a money card and contacted the Milpitas Police Department instead.

The Milpitas Police Department would like to remind everyone to be aware of these types of scams where money is demanded and arrests are threatened. Suspects may try to instill fear in victims or use other means to persuade victims to forward money or personal information. If an individual calls your residence identifying themselves as a law enforcement officer or a representative of a law enforcement agency and you believe the phone call is suspicious in nature, you are encouraged to contact the law enforcement agency in question to verify the caller's identity.

Anyone with any information regarding this investigation or other similar incidents occurring in our city is encouraged to call the Milpitas Police Department at (408) 586-2400. Information can be given anonymously by calling the Crime Tip Hotline at (408) 586-2500 or via the Milpitas Police Department website at:

http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/government/police/crime_tip.asp

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